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SUBJECT: INVESTIGATION OF GRAND RAPIDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

**OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS** 

PURPOSE: TO ESTABLISH A PROTOCOL TO FACILITATE INVESTIGATION OF

CERTAIN DEADLY FORCE INCIDENTS BY OUTSIDE AGENCY

POLICY: THE INVESTIGATION OF GRPD OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS

FOR POTENTIAL CRIMINAL ACTS SHALL BE REFERRED TO THE

**MICHIGAN STATE POLICE** 

1. The occurrence of the following predicate events will initiate investigative and forensic involvement, assistance or coordination by MSP:

- a. The shooting of a person by a Grand Rapids Police Department law enforcement officer acting in the line of duty.
- b. The death of any person while in the care or custody of or during attempted control by any GRPD officer.
- 2. When a predicate event occurs, a GRPD officer on the scene will assume the role of Officer in Charge [OIC], in compliance with GRPD Manual of Procedures 3-3; 7.1, 9-2.2-.5, until relieved. The OIC and other GRPD officers on the scene(s) will follow established GRPD protocols and procedures for OIS response. They will arrest any suspects, ensure that emergency medical services are provided to all injured persons, and establish a secure incident perimeter to prevent unauthorized access to the scene(s).

- 3. The GRPD OIC then will direct that the Michigan State Police [MSP] be contacted and requested to respond with the necessary MSP resources to initiate their investigation. If MSP is unable to respond in a timely manner and exigent circumstances exist, the OIC shall have discretion to take alternative action necessary for the protection of all involved persons and any evidence on the scene.
- 4. Pending MSP arrival, the OIC and GRPD officers present will keep the incident scene secured, protect and preserve physical evidence and documentation, and identify and separate all police and civilian witnesses, pending initial interview. The OIC shall obtain a Public Safety Statement from each officer involved in the incident and then assign companion officers to escort them to a designated location away from the scene..
- 5. After arrival of MSP, all effort shall be made to ensure that the integrity of the scene for MSP investigators and crime scene technicians. Medical personnel and GRPD personal will be permitted inside the crime-scene perimeter as necessary under the circumstances present. The responding MSP personnel will investigate the predicate event pursuant to MSP procedures. MSP will be the lead agency, in consultation with the Kent County Prosecutors Office.
- 6. GRPD will investigate any underlying criminal activity that precedes or occurs at the same time as the predicate event. The GRPD OIC/Incident Commander also will provide appropriate assistance to MSP during its on-scene investigation. GRPD will conduct any internal investigation or administrative review initiated in response to a predicate event. No documentation, including internal reports, compelled statements obtained from involved GRPD personnel, or any information derived therefrom, will be provided or disclosed to MSP criminal investigators.
- 7. MSP will forward copies of all investigative reports to the Kent County Prosecutors Office and to the GRPD for review.